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PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Mr. Merchant Mr. Mann ✓ Mr. Douglas General Lansdale	Mr. Gray Mr. Bissell Mr. Dulles	Nov. 19, 1960	Mongoose Special Group

OCCURRENCE: The Special Group heard Mr. Merchant state his opinion that the only solution is to move the Guatemalan train activities to the United States even though the U. S. could probably not get away with this either. A number of alternative base sites for the training of the Cubans was considered both in the United States, in Puerto Rico, [redacted] or in the Panama Canal zone. Mr. Douglas felt the "U. S. capability for intervention in Cuba will probably not be effective enough unless there is more overt participation than has been contemplated to date." "Mr. Grey supported this general position, stating that when the current Cuban plan was approved, the situation in that country was different than it is now. Since then, the Cubans have received sizeable amounts of bloc arms and have organized a malitia. Mr. Gray wondered how a few hundred exiles could be." "Mr. Mann expressed the opinion that the way to proceed is to seal Cuba off from the rest of Latin America and settle down for a one- or two-year wait..."

SOURCE: Minutes of Special Group meeting Nov. 19, 1960.

STAFF: Bob Kelley

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DATE: June 29, 1975

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HARVEY, WILLIAM ~~COMINT~~	~~11/14/62~~	MONGOOSE
MCCONE	11/3/62	SGA
HELMS		
MATAHAMBRE COPPER MINES ✓		

OCCURRENCE: Harvey states, "On 3 November, 1962, a fragmentary [redacted] report was received, reflecting the arrests by the Cuban authorities in Panar del Rio, of the infiltrees. It was impossible to determine, definitely, whether this report referred to the two members of the Matahambre sabotage team."

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SOURCE: 11/14/62, Memorandum of William Harvey, (00757)

STAFF: PGW

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DATE: 6/30/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
	MATAHAMBRE		
Lansdale	Gilpatric	14 Nov 62	MONGOOSE
Bundy	McCone		
Johnson	Taylord		
RFk	Parrot		

OCCURRENCE:

Lansdale states, "On October 30-31 for an 'Eyes Only' background memorandum requested by Roswell Gilpatric, information was requested from CIA on the current status of all operations. CIA reported all militant operations have been ordered held at a stop, although the volatile Cubans were frustrated and not under complete control. The Matahambre operation was not mentioned by the CIA in reporting in operational teams inside Cuba, although I asked for specifics on militant teams inside. Two action teams CIA reported as being inside Cuba were described as in place only collecting intelligence, not actions, (sabotage,etc.)*

*NB: A hand-written note next to the above statement by Lansdale reads,"Harvy/Chever say he did not ask."

SOURCE: 14 Nov 62 special memo for the Special Group Augmented, prepared by Brig. Gen. Lansdale (00761)

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STAFF: PGW 6/30

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MCCONE ✓ CASTRO		MONGOOSE SGA

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OCCURRENCE:

MCCONE TESTIFIED that the SGA approved a program to contaminate with Carbon dust cylinders in trucks and locomotives which CASTRO has purchased from Europe. This was to be done at the time of shipment. The program met with some success. MCCONE could not recall where the actual sabotage of the purchased equipment took place (22-23).

SOURCE: McCone, Testimony, 6/6/75

STAFF: Rhea

FILE:

DATE: 6/27/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MCCONE ✓ Canada		MONGOOSE

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OCCURRENCE:

McCone testified that he recalled that activity to sabotage the shipment of spare parts from Canada to Cuba. He did not recall whether it was Vickers spare parts. (23).

SOURCE:

McCone, Testimony, 6/6/75

FILE:

STAFF:

Rhea

DATE: 6/27/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
[redacted] Harvey Halpern Helms MCCONE	Dec 1961	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

[redacted] sometime in Dec of 1961, described to Halpern a meeting at the director's office in which McCone had stated that Helms would henceforth "be his man on Cuba." (13) [redacted] told Halpern that Helms had no inkling that he would be appointed head of the Cuban operations before this meeting (13). Sometime after the meeting Helms came to [redacted] office, checked into the organization of [redacted] operations and directed that Cuba would be a separate activity and no longer part of the WH Division (14).

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SOURCE:	Halpern 6/18/75	STAFF:	Rhea
FILE:		DATE:	7/1/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:			DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MCCONE	FITZGERALD	HUGHES	8/19/64	SGA
BUNDY	PAPICH	[redacted]	7/30/64	MONGOOSE
JESSUP	RFK		6/10/64	CASTRO
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JMWAVE	VANCE			

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STAFF:

DATE: Baron, 7/1/75

FILE: IG REPORT 1967

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
✓MCCONE, HARVEY, RUZ de Cunha, Virginia	July 10, 1962 ~~June 11, 1962~~ ~~July 1, 1962~~ ~~May 1962~~	MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: Efforts were made to establish contact with Juana Castro Rug, half sister of Fidel and Raul Castro Ruz, because she opposed the strong Communist nature of the Cuban regime. According to Mrs. Virginia Leitao de Cunha, she contacted Ruz and obtained Ruz agreement to provide intelligence on the Cuban political leadership and to work against the Cuban Communist regime, "short of engaging in activity which might result in direct personal harm to her brothers Raul and Fidel." Arrangements were being made for direct recruitment of Ruz in Mexico.

SOURCE:

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
~~SPECIAL GROUP AUGMENTED MONGOOSE~~, TAYLOR, RFK, JOHNSON, GILPATRICK, MCCONE, ~~CARTER~~, LEMNITZER, LANSDALE, CLINE, PARROTT	July 12, 1962 ~~July 20, 1962~~ ~~April 9, 1963~~	Special Group Augmented MONGOOSE (CARD ONE OF TWO)

OCCURRENCE:

Lansdale briefed the group on numbers of agents in Cuba. Air resupply proposal submitted by CIA "should be deferred pending broader review of the entire situation." Taylor noted if urgent need for air supply proposal could be made to the Special Group Augmented at any time. "Mr. McCone emphasized that no high-level penetrations of the Cuban government have yet been attained." "The Attorney General inquired about the status of popular support for Castro, and also the possibility of a revolt against him." Lansdale replied, "There is no rallying point for active opposition." The AG and Johnson emphasize need to obtain hard intelligence on subversive activities by Castro in the hemisphere. A complete review of MONGOOSE was set toward the end of July. Taylor emphasized need for summaries of results "and a statement of future alternatives open to the U.S. should be developed." Looking into proposal to subsidize Japanese purchases of Dominican sugars so that the Japanese could divert these purchases from Cuba. McCone said that his experts had informed him that from a legal point of vi... CIA could use unvouchered funds to support an operation of this k...

SOURCE:

Memo for the record, Mi... Group (Aug...

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
PRESIDENT KENNEDY HELMS MCCONE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD	July 25,1962	SPECIAL GROUP MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: Helms notes that McCone briefed the panel of the President's foreign intelligence advisory board on political action projects. He pointed out that"each project must have his approval to the circulation to the members of the Special Group". For example, reconnasiance overflights are now approved. He noted covert financial support in Peruvian, Greek, Finnish, Italian, and Brazilian elections. Helms "read to the panel a paper on the operation Mongoose which theDirector had used earlier in the day for giving a briefing to the President."

SOURCE: Memorandum for the record, re meeting on CA matters with the panel of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board of Helms, dated July 25, 1962 (00870)

FILE:

STAFF: diGenova

DATE: 7/2/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:			DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MCCONE	FITZGERALD	HUGHES	8/19/64	SGA
BUNDY	PAPICH	BOSCH, JOSE	7/30/64	MONGOOSE
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DATE: Baron, 7/1/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:			DATES:	CATEGORIES:
RFK	Mr. McCone ✓	[redacted]	Oct 9, 1962	Special Group (Augmented)
McGeorge Bundy	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Parrot		
Mr. Johnson	Dr. Charyk			
Mr. Gilpatric	Dr. Scoville			
Gen. Taylor	Col. Steakley			Mongoose

OCCURRENCE:

SGA discussed various possibilities of accomplishing reconnaissance of Cuba, ranging from very low level coverage by tactical aircraft to high performance aircraft and drones. Overflights and peripheral flights were discussed.

It was agreed that the first priority is one high performance mission in the western part of ✓ the island, to be accompanied by all out Elint support. Depending on the results of this, a number of similar searches may be mounted. First mission was later approved by higher authority, but the decision on the second proposition left open.

The entire package was to be discussed at the USIB, and by Chiefs on Wednesday, October 10th.

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SOURCE:

Memorandum for the record, dated October 9, 1962, effecting a meeting of Special Group Augmented and prepared by Thomas Parrot.
(02821)

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STAFF: PGW

DATE: 6/29/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
JOHNSON KILPATRICK MCCONE ✓	Sept.16,1963	MONGOOSE SPECIAL GROUP

OCCURRENCE:

On September 16, 1963 a memorandum reported that "all members of the special group have approved project [redacted] in the area of Cuba.)"

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SOURCE:

Memorandum dated 16 September 1963 for members of the Special Group from Mr. Parrott

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STAFF:

Kelley

DATE:

6/28/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Bundy [redacted] Thompson Vance McCone ✓ Desmond Fitzgerald	July 23, 1964	Duvalier Special Group/303

OCCURRENCE:

On July 23, 1964 the 303 Committee met and discussed Haiti. "At the present time there is no U.S. involvement with the insurgency effort against the Duvalier regime." The Committee approved [redacted] Ambassador Thompson noted that "The Dominican government had formerly requested U.S. assistance [redacted] getting Father Georges and his colleagues to move out of the Dominican Republic."

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SOURCE:

Memorandum for the record, July 24, 1964, Minutes of 303 Committee meeting , July 23, 1964

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STAFF: Kelley

DATE: June 30, 1975

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FILE:	DATE: 7/2/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
BISSELL DULLES GRAY MERCHANT ✓	Aug. 12, 1960	MONGOOSE Special Group

OCCURRENCE:

On August 12, 1960 the Special Group heard a summary of the budget for Cuban operations from MR. BISSELL. Approximately [redacted] dollars were required to finance Cuban operations for the fiscal year and a balance of [redacted] was necessary for the remainder of the fiscal year. Major subheadings in the budget were (1) political action, (2) propaganda, (3) paramilitary, (4) intelligence collection, (5) counterintelligence, (6) communications support, (7) support.

It was agreed "This matter should be laid before the appropriate higher authorities and a presentation would be arranged hopefully within the next 10 days. This was believed to be wise, not because any

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SOURCE: Minutes of Special Group meeting August 12, 1960

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STAFF: Robert Kelley

DATE: June 29, 1975

PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MURPHY KILPATRICK ~~MCCONE~~ FITZGERALD	LYMAN ~~CASTRO~~ CASTRO'S SISTER	4/23/63	CUBA SPECIAL GROUP

OCCURRENCE: Murphy asked Fitzgerald whether Castro's immediate entourage had been penetrated. Fitzgerald replied that Castro's sister worked for us, but that she didn't always have inside information.

SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum, dated 4/23/63, prepared by Lyman and Kilpatrick.	WALLACH
FILE:	DATE: 7/2/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
SPECIAL GROUP AUGMENTED, MONGOOSE, LANSDALE, TAYLOR, JOHNSON, GILPATRICK, MCCONE, RFK, LEMNITZER Mateos, Lopez JFK	July 5, 1962	MONGOOSE Special Group Augmented

OCCURRENCE: President Kennedy's visit to Mexico greatly enhanced U.S. goodwill in Mexico. It fulfilled U.S. plans to impress upon Castro that Mexico is solidly with the United States and the West. State believes this should ease the way for future discussions about Cuba with the Mexicans. Re: Operation MONGOOSE, the joint communique issued by President Kennedy and President Lopez Mateos included a phrase which was 'They proposed to respect and maintain the principles of non intervention--whether this intervention may come from a continental or extracontinental state--and of self-determination of peoples." In response to a Lansdale query, the Department of State noted that "There were no developments resulting from the President's trip to Mexico including the text of the joint United States-Mexico communique which alter the basic guidelines which govern the Cuba Project." Lansdale noted that the CIA now had 45 Asians in Havana operating. In addition there are agents and teams in the provinces. "Voice of Cuba" broadcasts from the U.S. Navy submarine were successful. "It is noted that UPI carried this news item but spiced it up with added stories of Castro's use of militia against guerillas in Mantanzas. The 2 stories put together by UPI have no relationship in reality and the 'Voice of Cuba' broadcasts are being closely directed to fit in with other operations and to keep within Mongoose guidelines.'

SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum for the Special Group Augmented re: MONGOOSE progress from Lansdale, July 5, 1962 (00406-00408)	di Genova
FILE:	DATE: July 1, 1975

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SPECIAL GROUP AUGMENTED, MONGOOSE, TAYLOR, RFK, JOHNSON, MARTIN, GILPATRICK, LEMNITZER, MCCONE, PARROTT, LANSDALE, HURWITCH	July 19, 1962	Special Group Augmented MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: McCone explained the situation which has resulted in a group led by Senor Bosch acquiring B-26's which are now in Costa Rica prepared to conduct a bombing raid on Cuba. The group discussed a draft State Department cable to various Latin American embassies related to this incident. It was agreed that the point should be made in the cable that any such contemplated raid would be premature at this time. Dis-association of the United States from any such endeavor was to be accomplished by leaking stories of the impending raid to the press.

SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum for the record, Minutes of meeting of the Special Group (Augmented) on Operation MONGOOSE, 19 July, 1962 (00033)	di Genova DATE: July 2, 1975